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1. At 10 a.m. on 28 December 1953, several trucks moved out of the Seeckt Kaserne in Magdeburg and assembled in Turmschanzenstrasse. About 20 to 30 trucks had already been lined up on Charlotten Strasse. More trucks came from the Seeckt Kaserne and assembled on Berliner Chaussee. An undetermined number of trucks moved from the Zuckerbusch Kaserne to Brueck Strasse. More convoys, including 5 tank trucks lined up in the Seeckt Kaserne. A motorized column of about 70 trucks carrying troops with black-bordered black epaulets, 20 trucks with pontoons, 4 trucks each with a motorboat and about 20 other trucks with closed superstructure, presumably workshop trucks moved along the road to Burg near Magdeburg. The head of the column turned off the road about 500 meters southwest of Moeser, and proceeded on a country road toward Magdeburger Forest, northwest of Moeser. Other motorized columns were seen in the woods southwest of Moeser. The total number of trucks involved in the exercise was estimated at not less than 300. Traffic patrols wearing black-bordered black epaulets were posted at all road forks along the Magdeburg road as far as the country road about 500 meters southwest of Moeser.

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The exercise seemed to have been a practice march. There was intensive activity in the Seeckt Kaserne at about 11 a.m. on 29 December, with the yard fully occupied by motor vehicles which were cleaned and maintained. The installation appeared to have been occupied to capacity. A large number of trucks were also lined up in the Zuckerbusch Kaserne.

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2. Between 11 a.m. and noon on 4 and 5 January, noise of troops at training and singing was heard from the yard of the Flak Kaserne. No details could be obtained. The installation seemed to have been occupied to capacity. Two heavy field guns were parked in the northwest corner of the installation. Motor vehicles in traffic to and from the installation

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3. Up to 5 January, the Nachrichten Kaserne was heavily occupied. At about 11:50 a.m. on 4 January, a truck towing a 160-mm mortar and 4 x 120-mm mortars, each pulled by 10 soldiers, entered the installation. On 5 January, 4 x 85-mm AT guns, each pulled by 8 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and escorted by two officers moved into the installation, coming from Kleiner Anger. At the same time, about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets marched from the installation to the Anger, organized into groups of about 25 to 30 men. Each group was accompanied by two officers. One of them was equipped with 3 light

